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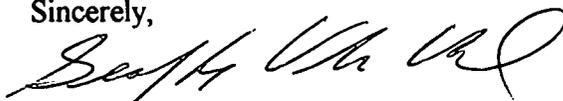
To Whom It May Concern:

Milk Producers Council (MPC) is a dairy producer trade association with about 200 members located primarily in Southern and Central California. We have studied the recommended changes to the class III and IV formulas that USDA has proposed and we are in support of them.

MPC is a signatory to a Consolidated Comment document prepared by attorney Benjamin Yale on behalf of a large number of producer cooperatives and groups. That document outlines our specific support for the changes to the protein adjustment made in the Recommended Decision. The specific purpose of this letter is to communicate to USDA that Milk Producers Council is also committed to changing the California State order formulas to make sure that there is a close correlation between the California system and the Federal Order system.

We appreciate all the good and hard work that USDA has put into the whole FMMO reform effort and we applaud the Recommended Decision as a very fine outcome. We look forward to its final adoption.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey Vanden Heuvel, Director
Milk Producers Council